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SUBJECT:HOUPHOUET ON KENYA-SOMALI RELATIONS

REF: A) ABIDJAN 1690 AND PREVIOUS
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1. PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF REFTEL A REPORTED HOUPHOUET'S VIEW THAT, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, THE USG SHOULD TRY TO PERSUADE KENYATTA AND THE KENYANS TO MEET SIAD BARRE HALFWAY. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE HOUPHOUET AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING AT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION.

-- WHILE WE SHARE HIS VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN KENYA-SOMALI RELATIONS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT IN THE SHORT TERM TO PERSUADE THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA.

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-- ON FEBRUARY 7 AMBASSADOR LE MELLE MADE A DETAILED PRESENTAION TO THE KENYAN FONMIN WAIYAKI ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET. IT PROVOKED A VERY SHARP REACTION AMONG THE SENIOR KENYAN LEADERSHIP.

-- THE MATTER WILL BE AGAIN RAISED WITH A SENIOR KENYAN DELEGATION LED BY VICE PRESIDENT MOI SCHEDULED TO SEE

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ON MARCH 1-2, BUT THE
DEPARTMENT IS NOT SANGUINE THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL
HAVE IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

-- WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE IVORY
COAST TO PERSUADE THE GOK OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING
ITS RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA. VANCE

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